

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, in the midst of these hard times, we are especially grateful for the healthcare and frontline workers who have bravely answered the call. Thankfully, we see glimmers of hope with the discovery and distribution of multiple vaccines.

Yet, sadly, here in Congress, Democrats are using the pretense of COVID relief to ignore bipartisan consensus and push a \$2 trillion liberal wish list of unrelated provisions. Let's not forget the most recent targeted COVID relief bill was signed into law only 1 month ago, and together with previously enacted stimulus laws, over \$1 trillion remain unspent.

Back home in Michigan, Governor Whitmer continues to go it alone, imposing punitive and arbitrary restrictions that have harmed too many small businesses and hardworking families.

It is time to work together to end this pandemic and help our constituents get back on their feet. Let's get students back in the classroom, vaccines distributed, and workers back on the job.

#### HONORING DAVID SNIDER

(Mr. O'HALLERAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of David Snider, a constituent, a colleague, and a friend who passed away late last month. In every role, he dedicated himself selflessly and tirelessly to his community.

I was honored to spend years working together on our State's water conservation and management issues. Water is the lifeblood of the Southwest, and David helped ensure that families across our great State had access to clean drinking water.

David wore many hats, but the one that jumps out is his two terms as Pinal County Supervisor. His efforts helped to keep Arizona on track during the drought that still exists, and his plans and expertise have helped us form important multi-State water agreements.

I know David's legacy will live on. My heart is with the Snider family and the entire Casa Grande community as we mourn his passing.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ORION SAMUELSON ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Orion Samuelson on his retirement and to thank him for his 60 years of work at WGN Radio and Nexstar Media.

Orion's Hall of Fame career leaves behind a legacy known throughout the country, especially in our agriculture community in central and west central Illinois.

Born on a dairy farm in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Orion got his start in radio in Appleton and Green Bay. In 1960, he came to Chicago and joined WGN Radio as their farm director. In the six decades since, Orion has become the best known voice in agriculture radio. From presenting his signature farm reports to anchoring "The Noon Show" and hosting his "U.S. Farm Report," which still airs today, Orion is a legend in broadcasting and agriculture. In 1963, Orion was the first to read the on-air bulletin that President Kennedy had been assassinated in Dallas.

His booming and distinctive voice is known well throughout Illinois and in our agriculture community. We will miss hearing his voice on air, seeing him at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, and hearing his reports that helped guide our farmers to success over the years.

I want to thank Orion for his years of work and service, and I hope he enjoys a well-earned retirement.

#### THE BIG LIE

(Mrs. DEMINGS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I have attended more police officers' funerals than I care to admit. Some I have eulogized. The services are beautiful, but the loss is tremendous.

Officer Sicknick's murder hit us hard. It hit me hard for a lot of reasons. But this death should be personal to every Member of Congress because I believe this body failed our Capitol Police officers. We tell everybody else that, if you see something, say something. Yet, while Brian was being murdered and other officers were suffering great bodily harm, a significant number of Members in this body said nothing and continued to uphold the big lie. They followed the unlawful, inhumane, and criminal orders of their Commander in Chief.

But Brian remembered his oath. And if we want to honor his life, then all of us should follow his example. Many have given much, but Officer Brian Sicknick gave all. He paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we are forever grateful for a life well lived.

#### MINNESOTA'S VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

(Mr. HAGEDORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce a resolution commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Department of Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Minnesota VFW was founded on January 17, 1921, and, today, has over 200 posts across the State and serves more than 32,000 veterans who fought for America honorably overseas, as

well as an additional 21,000 auxiliary members, consisting of veterans' family members.

The Minnesota VFW Century of Service has helped strengthen the common bonds of our military heroes by improving the quality of life for veterans and their families. The VFW provides a wide array of services to its members, including youth development and scholarships, national security advocacy, legislative affairs, citizenship education, veterans' fellowship retreats, and financial assistance for disabled veterans.

I am incredibly grateful to those at the Minnesota VFW who work tirelessly on behalf of our States' veterans. Here is to another 100 more years. I ask Members to cosponsor my resolution.

#### ECONOMIC CRISIS

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, a lot of people in this body are talking about jobs these days, and rightfully so. Our economy is in crisis. But what I want to do is urge everyone that when we talk about rebuilding this economy, we are talking about all of the issues that make for a successful economy, and that includes childcare and attention to our children.

Like many industries during this pandemic, childcare is struggling. Many facilities can't pay their bills due to reduced demand in services and increased costs to keep safe facilities for both children and staff. Many of us on both sides of the aisle have rightfully celebrated the heroes of this pandemic: healthcare workers, frontline workers, and essential workers. And these are the very people who are using childcare right now and they are the ones who cannot work from home and, therefore, need enriching and safe places for their children to go while they literally save lives and provide for the American people.

So I ask every Member who has spoken so passionately about our heroes and about returning to normal life to move beyond those words and to take meaningful votes on legislation that will ensure access to equitable, high-quality childcare for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and afterschool care children alike all across this country.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDERS COMPROMISE OUR SECURITY

(Mr. ARRINGTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, the first and most important job of the Federal Government is protecting its citizens. From day one, President Biden, who campaigned as the unifier in chief, has made record unilateral decisions to compromise the security of our country and undermine the rights of the American people.